



City of San Antonio Volunteer Newsletter



A Big THANK YOU to all City of San Antonio Volunteers!

The City of San Antonio Volunteer Program would like to thank all of our volunteers for your continued support and participation in making a difference in San Antonio! Last year, the City of San Antonio's Volunteer Program had over 9,000 volunteers participate in city led volunteer events, totaling over 50,000 hours!

If you haven't registered as an official City of San Antonio volunteer, or would like to update your information, please visit our website at www.sanantonio.gov/volunteer.

The City's Volunteer Program is committed to encouraging community participation and the comprehensive coordination of volunteers to enhance city services, and we couldn't do it without volunteers like you!

Sincerely,

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Volunteer Highlights

S.T.A.R. Program in Monte Vista- November 2014



S.T.A.R. (Students Together Achieving Revitalization) is a partnership between the Office of Historic Preservation, the UTSA College of Architecture, San Antonio College, and local contractors to provide minor exterior home repairs and maintenance to homeowners within local historic districts. Graduate and undergraduate architecture and construction students assist property owners with repairs to windows and screens, siding, and porches, as well as provide general yard maintenance and exterior painting. All work is provided at no cost to eligible property owners.

The S.T.A.R. program was in the Monte Vista Historic District on November 1-2 and 8-9. Over 50 volunteers performed repairs and maintenance to two historic homes. Work included yard maintenance, minor repairs to windows, siding and porches, and exterior painting. The event was sponsored by the Power of Preservation Foundation, San Antonio Conservation Society, Artchitectural Interiors, Ziga Design Build, Monte Vista Historical Association, COSA Parks and Recreation Department, and COSA Solid Waste Management Department.

Volunteer Highlights Continued...

Recreation Volunteer Club Launches!

The Recreation Center Volunteer Club successfully launched Saturday September 13th with a park cleanup at Martinez Park. Since their first workday, they have volunteered with several park events, within their centers and out in the community. The Recreation Volunteer Club enables volunteer groups from Parks and Recreation Community Centers to be engaged in their community through stewardship service during the school year. Volunteers learn about the benefits of volunteerism and there is a strong focus on community and teamwork at each service event.



The first centers participating are Yates, San Juan, and Palm Heights. Volunteers are eligible for incentives such as shirts, goody bags and certificates as they accumulate hours. The Winter Award Ceremony was held at San Juan Community Center on December 17th. Volunteers enjoyed pizza and cake and received their service awards. Thank you for all your hard work!



Igo Branch Library Teen Volunteers Host Educational Multi-Cultural Festival

"The 4th annual Multicultural Winter Festival at the Igo Library took place on Saturday, December 20, 2014, with over 500 visitors attending. Igo Teen Volunteers from the Igo Teen Library Leadership Council, led by the Teen Services Librarian planned and prepared the entire event. Teen volunteers represented 24 different countries and each culture was presented through information, displays, maps, food and costumes. Teen Volunteers also provided music for the event with singing quartet, drummers and string duo (violin and cello). Three television stations interviewed some of the teens and publicized this educational and fun event which got very positive reviews."

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed for 2015 District 1 Basura Bash!

On February 21, 2015, District 1 will hold its annual Basura Bash in an effort to clean the San Antonio Watershed. Volunteers will pick up debris and refuse along the Alazan Creek. Volunteers are asked to wear comfortable shoes and dress in layers. Participants must be at least 13 years old. If under the age of 18, participants must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the service event. A light fare including fruit and breakfast bars will be provided at registration. Water will also be available for all volunteers. Registration on the morning of the event will be held at Irving Middle School (1300 Delgado Street). To sign up for this event, please visit the website www.basurabash.org and click on volunteer registration.

Save the Date!

Volunteers needed for Eastside Neighborhood Paint-a-thon!

March 14, 2015 8am-12 noon

Volunteers will assist in painting houses. For more information, contact Melissa Escamilla at Melissa.escamilla@sanantonio.gov